

## OUR MISSION

The Mission of PrideStar Center for Applied Learning is to deliver a continuum of services to meet the complex needs of individuals with disabilities.

Our goal and promise is to provide the most specialized and appropriate social, behavioral and educational supports as possible to ensure our clients meet their potential as individuals and members of society.

We believe that every individual possesses unique strengths and are dedicated to helping develop these skills so they can meet their full potential.

We are devoted to enhancing the client's overall quality of life through treatment focused on the development of meaningful communication, improved social interactions and maximizing life relevant skills with specific emphasis placed on building independence.



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## SERVICES OFFERED



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## WHAT IS ABA?

"ABA" stands for Applied Behavior Analysis. ABA is a set of principles that form the basis for many behavioral treatments. ABA is based on the science of learning and behavior. This science includes general "laws" about how behavior works and how learning takes place. ABA therapy applies these laws to behavior treatments in a way that helps to increase useful or desired behaviors.

ABA also applies these laws to help reduce behaviors that may interfere with learning or behaviors that may be harmful. ABA therapy is used to increase language and communication skills. It is also used to improve attention, focus, social skills, memory, and academics.

ABA can be used to help decrease problem behaviors. ABA is considered an evidence-based "best" practice treatment by the US Surgeon General and by the American Psychological Association. "Evidence based" means that ABA has passed scientific tests of its usefulness, quality, and effectiveness.

## DIRECT ABA TREATMENT

### Direct ABA Services:

PRIDESTar Center for Applied Learning provides clinic/community/home-based ABA therapy. Services are provided by a highly qualified behavior technician. All services are supervised by a Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst/Board Certified Behavior Analyst (LABA/BCBA).

A comprehensive intake process guides the development of an individualized treatment plan. Specific goals are developed via a collaborative process and the assigned LABA/BCBA designs individualized programs to help your child meet those goals.

Parents are directly involved in all aspects of their child's programming. Data is collected during each session to track progress and assessment results are used to efficiently make any necessary changes to programming.

Direct 1:1 ABA therapy may include:

- ✖ Generalized Skill Acquisition
- ✖ Functional Communication Training
- ✖ Functional Living Skills
- ✖ Play/Leisure Skills
- ✖ Reading/Reading Comprehension
- ✖ Applied Academics
- ✖ Behavior Management

## SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

### SPECIALIZED LEISURE & RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The mission of the program is to develop or increase independence, play and executive functioning skills (problem solving, organization, time management). ALL activities are orchestrated with that in mind.

Down time can be particularly challenging for some kids with autism when the ambiguous skill of 'keeping busy' 'hanging/chilling' out has not been explicitly taught. The center offers structured downtime for kids with an over-arching goal of gradual release. Staff move through a continuum of support that begins with explicit instruction (activity schedules, reinforcement programs for time on task, etc...) and moves to guided participation, facilitation, supervision with an ultimate expectation that the child will learn the routines and schedule and move through them independently.

Because this is a program geared specifically toward individuals with autism, leisure repertoires will be based off of the child's interest and the environment will be engineered to promote engagement. This is NOT an environment where engagement in a specific activity will be adult-determined or forced. Each individual's interest will be cultivated and expanded upon through exposure, enrichment, choices and reinforcement.



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